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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to Thursday's values. The market tone ranged steady to weak, mostly steady to barely steady beginning the weekend. Retail and distributive demand was slow to at times fairly good. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Breaking stock offerings were light to ample for the quiet to moderate demand. Spent fowl were fully sufficient to ample for the light to good demand. Processing schedules for the upcoming week were reported as usually normal.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were lower for all sizes. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged with next week's asking prices trending lower. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Cartoned and loose egg sales were slow to at times fairly good in areas with attractively priced feature activity. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current needs.

	Range	Mostly	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	37-45	40-43				
LARGE	36-45	38-41	LARGE	14-23	18	
MEDIUM	33-42	35-38	MEDIUM	11-17	15	
			SMALL	5-7		

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to barely steady entering the weekend. Demand into all outlets ranged light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were light to sufficient for normal to reduced schedules. Demand was reported as light to moderate. Spent hens were fully sufficient to ample for the light to good demand. Slaughter schedules for the upcoming week were noted as mostly normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	46-62	46-51
LARGE	40-54	45-49
MEDIUM	37-50	41-44

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged with next week's asking prices trending lower. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Cartoned egg sales were slow to at times fairly good in areas with feature activity. Loose egg sales were mostly light to at times moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were adequate to ample for the usually quiet demand. Floor stocks were balanced to ample. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49.5-58	51-54
LARGE	43.5-52	45-48
MEDIUM	35.5-44	37-40

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Next week's asking prices were trending lower. The market tone was mostly barely steady entering the weekend. Demand was generally light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were in a full range of light to available for normal to less than normal processing schedules. Light type hen offerings were fully adequate to ample for the light to good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45.5-53.25	47-50
LARGE	44-52.25	45-48
MEDIUM	40.5-48	41-45

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Thursday's values. Trade sentiment was at best steady to barely steady. Demand into all channels remained mostly light to moderate. Supplies ranged fully sufficient to ample for present trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	49-53
LARGE	47-51
MEDIUM	44-48

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	44-52	45-47
LARGE	42-50	43-45
MEDIUM	39-47	40-42

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WESTERN REGIONAL The market tone was weak. Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were 4 cents lower on all sizes. Retailer demand was light. Offerings were ample for immediate needs.

CALIFORNIA Prices were unchanged. The market tone was weak. Asking prices for next week were 4 cents lower on jumbo through small. Retailer demand was light. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 59.

CALIFORNIA Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	98
EXTRA LARGE	92
LARGE	82
MEDIUM	79

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	77-87
EXTRA LARGE	73-79
LARGE	69-72
MEDIUM	66-69

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	279-329
EXTRA LARGE	249-309
LARGE	199-229
MEDIUM	189

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades lower. Offerings were adequate to ample and included graded loose shell eggs. Demand was usually quiet as attractively priced liquid whole egg was taking precedence over available shell eggs. Floor stocks balanced to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

RANGE MOSTLY

CHECKS & UNDERGRADES 11-17 11-13
BREAKING STOCK 23-24 TFEWR
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were unchanged to one cent lower on nest run breaking stock and two cents lower on checks and undergrades when compared to early week trading. The market tone was cautious but usually reported as about steady to steady. Offerings were irregular and in a full range of light to sufficient, although graded large was reported as being somewhat more available to breakers. Demand was light to moderate. Schedules were normal to less than normal. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 29-Apr-2006 were 9% more than a week earlier, and 4% higher than a year ago.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

RANGE MOSTLY

BREAKING STOCK 20-26 22-25
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES 9-16 10-13
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ,

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION -W/E 22-Apr-2006 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,344,598	33,856	12,383	6,466	3,082	4,463
PW	1,303,271	32,803	11,908	6,248	2,974	4,415
LY	1,290,482	31,053	12,550	6,571	2,539	4,546
% PW	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%	1%
% LY	4%	9%	-1%	-2%	21%	-2%
2006	21,598,463	535,107	201,279	108,826	48,866	73,694
2005	21,574,545	514,984	211,293	113,175	46,924	74,883
% YTD	0%	4%	-5%	-4%	4%	-2%

CW PW LY

Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included) 42.52 42.49 42.40
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded) 39.20 39.10 38.88

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material)

	Cases Broken		Liquid whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	619,134	46.0%	17,297	51.1%
PREVIOUS WEEK	611,779	46.9%	16,683	50.9%
LAST YEAR	549,543	42.6%	14,588	47.0%

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Trade sentiments were about steady to weak. Prices on whole and whites unchanged with sugared and salted yolks 1 cent lower. Southern California breaking activity for the week April 29 was 1% lower than the previous report. Frozen demand was fair. Freezer stocks easily adequate to cover needs.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point

(cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers) LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

RANGE

WHOLE 44-48
WHITES 45-48
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) 55-58
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) 51-54

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg and sugared and salted yolk ranged unchanged to 1 cent lower while frozen whites ranged unchanged to 2 cents higher. Trade sentiment was barely steady for whole egg and frozen yolk products and mostly steady for whites. Offerings continued adequate to available with demand considered quieter than most observers expected for this time period. Very slight improvement was reported in some locations on salted yolk. Breaking stock prices were lower compared to the past week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

TRUCKLOTS**RANGE MOSTLY**

WHOLE 37-41 38-40
WHITES 40-48 40-42
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) 48-52
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) 44-48 45-47

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were lower on whole, unchanged to higher on whites, and unchanged on sugar and salt yolks when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading was light to fair with offerings at least sufficient for current needs. LTL blends were too few sales to report. Trade sentiment was usually reported as about steady to steady. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 29-Apr-2006 were 4% more than last the previous week, and 5% higher than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

LTL**TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)****RANGE MOSTLY RANGE**

WHOLE 34-43 34-40 42-49
BLENDS (/) TFEWR
WHITES 34-48 38-42 45-52
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) 46-54 48-52 56-65
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) 44-49 45-48 51-64
(/) - Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.

NATIONAL DRIED Mostly prices were unchanged to lower on whole, and unchanged on balance of items when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate for trade needs. Inquiry was the slowest on yolks. Trade sentiment remained steady to full steady on albumen, about steady to steady on whole, and usually no better than steady on yolks. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 29-Apr-2006 were 4% more than the previous week, and 21% higher than last year. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were 4% above a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in cont., Trucklot and LTL volumes.

WHOLE 1.28-1.50 MOSTLY 1.35-1.40
YOLKS 1.20-1.48 MOSTLY 1.25-1.30
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED 2.75-3.00 MOSTLY 2.80-2.95
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER) 1.15-1.40 MOSTLY 1.25-1.35

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 30 to 31 cents fob, mostly 31 cents fob. Pasteurized whites were reported at 34 cents fob. Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak for whole egg, steady for whites, and about steady to weak for yolk. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for whole egg and adequate for whites and yolk. Demand was good to very good for whole egg and light to moderate on the balance. Bids for whole egg for next week's deliveries were reported at lower trending prices. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower when compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS LOADS RANGE WTD. AVG. CHANGE FROM LW

WHOLE 62 18-21.75 20.79 .13
WHITES 16 25-27 26.25 -.96
YOLKS 6 28-32 31.00 -1.00

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APR 28, 2006-MAY 04, 2006

CURRENT LOADS								96.50	FUTURE LOADS				55.00	TOTAL LOADS				151.50					
		SE		NE		MW					SC		NW		SW								
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	22.50	—	21.38	23.50	—	—	8.00		GL W J	35.83	—	—	—	—	—	46.99	4.75						
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		GL W XL	28.90	33.33	—	—	—	—	38.00	6.00						
GL W J	—	—	35.50	37.50	30.80	—	4.50		GL W LG	21.00	—	—	—	—	—	35.83	4.50						
GL W XL	—	31.77	33.80	33.75	24.75	25.43	50.25		GL W MD	—	—	25.00	30.90	—	—	33.50	6.00						
GL W LG	—	35.80	32.67	35.00	23.32	24.70	25.50		GL W SM	19.25	—	—	—	21.50	24.67	3.00							
GL W MD	34.00	28.00	28.50	30.00	22.13	23.65	23.50		GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00							
GL W SM	—	—	21.75	23.63	18.00	—	4.00		NRBS - 45	20.50	—	—	34.25	—	—	9.00							
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00																
NRBS - 50	—	—	24.58	26.33	—	—	.75																
NRBS - 48	19.00	20.63	—	23.38	20.86	24.47	44.00																
NRBS - 45	—	—	22.25	23.53	19.61	21.14	18.50																
NRBS - 39	—	—	19.25	21.00	—	—	.25																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged light to good, best for rendering operations. Offerings of spent hens were fully adequate to ample for current needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-13	9-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Salvage values were TFEWR. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent leghorn hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Disposal costs were expected to remain about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal prices ranged unchanged to higher. Offerings were ample while demand into traditional processors was light while rendering demand was fairly good to good. Schedules were full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4.5-11	4.5-9

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant worked desired slaughter schedules. Demand was fair. Offerings in fair balance.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	48.50	47.00	42.50
SOUTHEAST	48.50	46.50	43.00
MIDWEST	41.50	39.50	36.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	52.50	46.50	38.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	47.96	44.91	39.97

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings of light canners were fully adequate for the generally light to fair at best demand; heavier canners ranged adequate to fully adequate with most available supplies being used internally. Demand was light to fair. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was no better than steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
18-28 MAJORITY 23-24	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 29-Apr-06**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,110	1,456	2,566
Last Week	1,208	1,385	2,593
Same week yr ago	1,715	1,437	3,152
To-date/2006	20,284	24,378	44,662
To-date/2005	26,095	22,726	48,821

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	287	0	287
Last Week	160	0	160
Same week yr ago	289	0	289
To-date/2006	4,100	10	4,110
To-date/2005	4,962	18	4,980

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,397	1,456	2,853
Last Week	1,368	1,385	2,753
Same week yr ago	2,004	1,437	3,441
To-date/2006	24,384	24,388	48,772
To-date/2005	31,057	22,744	53,801

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending April 22, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	206	511	3,117	4,841
Frozen	41	0	125	21
Dried	0	0	146	107
Total	247	511	3,388	4,969

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending April 22, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	32	84	841	2,736
Frozen	84	3	362	327
Dried	0	24	41	340
Total	116	111	1,244	3,403

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending April 22, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Jumbo	0	0	150	33
Extra Large	2,160	6,540	25,230	77,232
Large	2,300	13,466	30,485	193,250
Medium	2,340	3,480	23,375	26,955
Ungraded	2,160	10,200	24,104	35,584
Misc	780	0	2,580	3,793
Total	9,740	33,686	105,924	336,847

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 29-APR-2006	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	207.4	-2	-2
East North Central	581.7	-1	8
West North Central	293.1	-6	12
South Atlantic	179.4	-4	-4
South Central	55.6	4	-20
West	173.7	-4	-14
Total	1490.9	-3	1
Matched Plants reporting		84	84
Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)			
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)			
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)			
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)			

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 29-APR-2006

Selected Consuming Centers	CW	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
	(Thousands)		LW	LY
Atlanta	26.8	25.4	6	6
Boston	3.1	3.2	-3	-6
Chicago	64.2	62.5	3	-1
Detroit	24.5	25.1	-2	7
Kansas City	5.0	7.7	-35	117
Los Angeles	110.3	113.2	-3	9
New Orleans	5.9	6.0	-2	-2
New York	29.3	29.4	0	-6
St. Louis	13.8	14.6	-5	-13
San Francisco	17.6	17.3	2	1
Total	300.5	304.4	-1	3
4 Week Moving Avg.	343.1			

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM 05/01/06	3,381	75,818	75,982
AM 04/01/06	3,393	81,033	64,881
CHG	-12	-5215	11101
PCT CHG	0%	-6%	17%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of March 28, 2006 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on May 1, 2006 are:

FROZEN EGGS	21 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	350 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	1016 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

May 2, 2006

Prices paid per dozen Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	95	90	70	48
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	88-92	84-88	63-67	41-45
MOSTLY	90-91	86-87	65-66	43-44
RHODE ISLAND	95-99	89-93	69-73	49-53
MOSTLY	95	89	69	49
VERMONT	95-99	90-93	70-75	-
MOSTLY	95	90	70	-

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